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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Plague—Prevention of the Introduction and Spread of—Protection of Fowls and Animals and their Feed from Rats. (Reg. Bd. of H., July 25, 1914.)

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any persons, firm, or corporation to have in his or their possession, for sale, at wholesale or retail, or to maintain, keep, or feed, for sale, within the limits of the city of New Orleans, any live hares, rabbits, guinea pigs, apes, monkeys, squirrels, white mice, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, doves, pigeons, parrots, birds, or other fowl, in any building which is not rat proof in the manner now or hereafter provided by law for the rat proofing of buildings, and unless same are kept in a movable or portable coop constructed with a metal, water-tight bottom, and metal sides to a height of at least 12 inches, the whole surmounted and covered by a metal cage of wire having not more than one-half inch to each mesh, and said coop to be elevated at least 2 feet from the floor on supports so constructed as to leave clear open space between the bottom of the coop and the floor.

SEC. 2. Within the following limits of the city of New Orleans, to-wit: Beginning at upper Protection Levee and river; along upper Protection Levee to Mobile Street; along Mobile Street, river side to Dublin Street; along Dublin Street, lower side to Palm Street; along Palm Street, river side to its juncture with Calliope Street; along Calliope Street, river side to Hagan Avenue; along Hagan Avenue, lower side to Cleveland Street; along Cleveland Street, wood side to Bernadotte Street; along Bernadotte Street, river side to St. Ann Street; along St. Ann Street, uptown side to Moss Streeet; along Moss street, river side to Esplanade Avenue; along Esplanade Avenue, uptown side to Maurepas Street; along Maurepas Street, uptown side to Gentilly Avenue; along Gentilly Avenue, river side to St. Bernard Avenue; along St. Bernard Avenue, uptown side to Dorgenois Street; along Dorgenois Street, river side to Elysian Fields Avenue; along Elysian Fields Avenue, uptown side to Derbigny Street; along Derbigny Street, river side to Poland Street; along Poland Street, uptown side to river; along river to upper Protection Levee, point of beginning; and in the fifteenth ward (Algierse) beginning at Opelousas Avenue and the river; along Opelousas Avenue (north side) to Atlantic Street; along Atlantic Street (west side) to the river; and along the river to Opelousas Avenue, point of beginning, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to have, keep, maintain, or feed, for sale or for private use, in any lot, open area yard, premises, or building, any live hares, rabbits, guinea pigs, apes, monkeys, squirrels, white mice, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, doves, pigeons, parrots, birds, or other fowl, unless the same are kept in a movable or portable coop constructed with a water-tight bottom, and metal sides to a height of at least 12 inches, the whole surmounted and covered by a metal cage of wire having not more than one-half inch to each mesh and said coop to be elevated

at least 2 feet from the floor on supports so constructed as to leave clear open space between the bottom of the coop and the floor or ground.

SEC. 3. All feed for any such live hares, rabbits, guinea pigs, apes, monkeys, squirrels, white mice, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, doves, pigeons, parrots, birds, or other fowl, provided for in sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance, shall be kept in closed metal receptacles so constructed that the contents shall be inaccessible to rats, and no such feed shall be thrown or scattered on any floor, area, or open space, but shall be placed only in the coops hereinabove provided for.

SEC. 4. Every day's violation of any provision of this ordinance shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

SEC. 5. Whoever shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall, on conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than $10 nor more than $25, or in default of payment by imprisonment in the parish jail for not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days, or both, at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction of same.

SEC. 6. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the 15th day of August, 1914.

Plague—Prevention of the Introduction and Spread of—Measures to Prevent Rats from Entering or Leaving Vessels. (Reg. Bd. of H., July 25, 1914.)

SECTION 1. From and after the promulgation of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any vessel, steamboat, or other water craft to lie alongside of any wharf or dock in the city of New Orleans, and such vessel, steamboat, or other water craft shall be fended off from said wharf or dock in such manner that no part of such vessel, steamboat, or other water craft shall be nearer than 8 feet from the nearest point of said wharf or dock by a floating fender or spars of sufficient strength to maintain said distance of 8 feet, and each such spar and each such chain, hawser, rope, or line of any kind extending from any such vessel, steamboat, or water craft to said dock or wharf shall be equipped with and have properly and securely attached thereto a rat shield or guard of such design, and in such manner, as shall be approved by the health officer of the city of New Orleans.

SEC. 2. No gangplank, staging, or other structure whereon or whereby rats may board or leave such vessel, steamboat, or other water craft shall be extended therefrom to the wharf or dock except during such time as loading or unloading is in progress, and when being loaded or unloaded a competent man, specially detailed for that purpose by the owner, master, or officer in charge of such vessel, steamboat, or other water craft shall be stationed at each such gangplank, staging, or other structure, whose duty it shall be to prevent rats from boarding or leaving such vessel, steamboat, or other water craft and, if possible, to destroy same.

SEC. 3. After the hour of sunset all such gangplanks, staging, or other structure provided for in section 2 of this ordinance shall be removed from such wharf or dock, provided that when loading or unloading is required to be done after sunset the same shall be done in the manner provided by section 2 of this ordinance, and provided further that such light or lights shall be furnished by the owner, master, or other officer in charge of such vessel, steamboat, or other water craft, and so placed at or sufficiently near to each such gangplank, staging, or other structure as to so light such gangplank, staging, or other structure that the presence of rats may be easily and readily seen, and such additional competent men as may be necessary shall be detailed in the manner and for the purpose provided for in section 2 of this article, provided that at the end of each such gangplank, staging, or other structure shall be kept whitened at all times when in use for a length of 10 feet.

SEC. 4. No crated cargo or empty barrels, boxes, or other containers, especially those from or intended for the storeroom, shall be permitted to leave or be received aboard of any such vessel, steamboat, or other water craft until the same shall have been so inspected as to insure that they contain no rats.